

# SHIPPING CONCERN'S SOUTH AFRICAN DECLINE TO THE UP AT WHARF IN HILO

**Letters From Inter-Island and  
Matson Companies Give Rea-  
sons For Attitude**

## HARBOR BOARD GETS TWO COMMUNICATIONS

### Structure Is Declared Unsafe For Large Vessels and Will Have To Be Improved

Letters from the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company and the Matson Navigation Company, regarding the attitude of the two concerns toward Kuhio wharf, in Hilo bay, were read at the meeting of the harbor board yesterday afternoon.

Both companies pointed out that several changes must be made in the wharf before they will consider it a safe and proper place for docking their steamers. The Matson company was more definite in its statement of its attitude toward the wharf, insisting that it could not and would not consider docking its steamers there until the improvements had been made, or until the harbor commission put in a tug to handle steamers at the wharf.

**Captain Matson Discusses Problem**

The letter from the Matson company was forwarded to the board by Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and was written by Capt. William Matson, president of the company, in answer to a letter from the maritime affairs committee of the chamber.

The Inter-Island company's letter consisted of a report from the company's agent in Hilo. He pointed out that there are certain changes necessary to be made in the wharf before it can serve the purpose for which it was designed. It is declared that the after gangway is much too narrow and the suggestion is made that the harbor board have it widened about six or eight feet. The letter from Captain Matson follows:

"I am in receipt of a copy of the report by the maritime affairs committee, regarding Kuhio wharf. I have already advised Mr. Forbes of my views regarding this wharf. If the wharf was so constructed that ships could come in head on and back out when through, or should weather conditions necessitate, I should not object to trying the wharf. But as it is now the steamers come into the little basin and have no towboat to handle them and have to breast all the way round. The same conditions exist in leaving the wharf."

**Not Safe For Large Ships**

"Therefore I do not consider it a safe place for a large ship to go to and naturally cannot allow any steamers of the Matson Navigation company to go there. Before you can expect steamers to go there in safety, the wharf will have to be built out toward Hilo so steamers can enter head on, or the harbor commission should provide a towboat capable of handling the vessels using the wharf."

James A. Kennedy, general manager of the Inter-Island company, transmitted the following report from the Hilo agent:

"Regarding the use of the Kuhio wharf, and to make it more convenient and safer for our use, there are two or three changes which should be made at once:

"After Gangway—When this was first proposed the writer stated that the plans indicated that the gangway was much too narrow. This week we have had confirmation in the writing of the Mauna Kea, which planned the after gangway and broke it clean in two. The slipway should be made at least six or eight feet wider, to allow for the movement of the steamer, which is inevitable if any swell runs at all. We should also have a gallows frame erected to permit us to handle our gangways by tackle."

**Strain Breaks Deadlines**

"Cluster Piles—There is a cluster of piles which comes abreast of the forward part of the Mauna Kea's house. During the rolling of the vessel last week one of the deadlights was broken by the strain caused by the weight of the vessel coming against this cluster. The cluster should be removed or cut down."

"Mooring—The steamer surges backward and forward considerably on occasion. This surging was the cause of the breaking of our gangway. To prevent this to a great extent we should have a stern mooring similar to that which we used at the railroad wharf. Captain Mosher has indicated a position for this mooring, but the location as given is too far away from the steamer to be of any practical use in preventing extended ranging."

The board laid the whole matter on the table until information can be obtained from Hilo.

## TWO PRISONERS WIN GOVERNOR'S PARDON

Wiliam F. Armstrong, sentenced to term in Oahu prison on a charge of embezzlement, January 4, 1915, has been pardoned by Governor Pukham. The pardon will go into effect September 16. By the act of pardon the civil rights of the prisoner are saved to him.

Armstrong was convicted of the theft of three Oahu bonds belonging to the Moose Lodge here. To prevent this to a great extent we should have a stern mooring similar to that which we used at the railroad wharf.

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## LUM DOW AND THREE HORNS OF OPIUM TAKEN

The result of a raid made yesterday day by Marshal Smiddy and Deputy Marshal Harris, Lum Dow was arrested on a charge of having opium in possession. The pipes seized was in Moana Hotel by A. Fresch, an officer of the German interned steamer Prinz Wiedemann.

Barrett in company with W. A. Geary an employee of the Pacific Mail steamer Ecuador, who was paid off at this port, started to swing out into the surf. Before he had gone far, he was apparently attacked with cramps and sunk. He was in the sea about one minute, but was unconscious when rescued by Fresch, who pulled him up on the beach and applied first aid. Barrett was taken to his home where he recovered.

## NOMINATIONS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION ARE ALL FILED NOW

**One Hundred and Thirteen Opti-  
mistic Candidates Face the  
Political Starter**

## BOURBONS OF HAWAII FAIL TO GET INTO RACE

**McCandless Sure of Nomination  
But Kuhio and Kona Coffee  
King Must Fight**

They are off!

Nominations for the coming primary elections, which will be held on October 7, for the selection of party candidates for congress and the house and senate of the territorial legislature were closed at midnight last night.

One hundred and thirteen nominations of all classes have been made. Three are to be delegate for congress, "Link" McCandless, Democrat, is as sure of his nomination, while Kalanikole and Louison, Republicans, will have to fight it out among themselves at the polls.

The Island of Hawaii has no Democratic candidates for the senate; there are four Republicans seeking nomination, with two to be chosen. In East and West Hawaii the Democrats are a few short to complete the required number of nominations.

**Oahu Splits Even**

Oahu has six Republicans and seven Democrats seeking nomination as candidates for the senate, each party to elect three. For the house both parties have enough material from which will select six candidates.

Oahu has just the required number of nominations in for the senate from each party, two each, and there will be no contest in the Valley Island. For the house there are many from whom the Republicans will select six candidates, while the Democrats have fair quota.

The name of the Japanese now in custody is not definitely known, but is supposed to be John Guza and his relation to the tragedy if any, was not determined at the time the Claudine sailed. All that Vickers could learn was that the Japanese had formerly worked on the plantation, but was supposed to be in another part of the island at the time Cooper was slain.

Because of the fact that the ground was torn up in the vicinity where the body was found it is believed that a struggle ensued before Cooper was killed. Robbery as a motive for the crime is no longer considered, because when the body was found sixty dollars and twenty cents in coin and a check for seventy-five dollars was found in the pockets of the murdered man. Ordinarily, it is said, Cooper took the railroad for the office of the transportation company, but for several days previous to his death he had gone by the much longer route of the regular road.

**Murdered For Revenge**

One of the theories current in Maui is that Cooper was murdered for revenge. Capt. R. Williamson of the Inter-Island steamer Kailua, who arrived yesterday from Hana, is authority for the report that in Hana it is believed Cooper was put to death in a spirit of vengeance. Captain Williamson said:

"I was told that the Japanese was positively identified by John Pokini, a blacksmith's helper on the plantation, as a laborer who had left the plantation about twelve months ago and had sworn he would 'come back and kill someone.'

The story being told in Hana yesterday was to the effect that the Japanese, whose name I was not told, had been brought up as an orphan from childhood by a Hawaiian family. He is said to be a pure-blooded Japanese and when arrested had a gun on him, so I was told."

The inquest over the body of Cooper, according to Captain Williamson, showed that a struggle took place before the man was done to death. One of the dead man's eyes was bruised and his shoulder showed a livid bruise.

**Record Of Guza Wanted**

Capt. Arthur McDiarmid last night received a wireless from Maui asking for the record of a Japanese named John Guza, and it was presumed by the chief of detectives that Guza is the name of the Japanese who is being held for the murder of Cooper.

A wireless also was received by Deputy Sheriff Asch, asking for a record of a thirty-eight caliber Harrington & Richardson revolver that has been found and which is thought to be the weapon used in the killing.

Local records show that Guza, who attended the St. Louis college here with Cooper, has been arrested several times on charges of burglary and receiving stolen goods.

**MRS. COVAR CLAIMS THAT  
HUBBY HAS ANOTHER WIFE**

That Covar was already a married man, having a wife living and un-

divorced from him, when he married her in Honolulu on June 4, 1914, Mrs. Edith Covar told on Wednesday in the lead circuit court a suit against Miles P. Covar for the annulment of their marriage. The papers were served on Covar here yesterday. Mrs. Covar No. 1 claims that Mrs. Covar No. 1 is otherwise known as May Cunningham and is living in San Francisco.

**Island of Maui**

**FOURTH DISTRICT**

H. L. Holstein, H. L. Kuweehi, D. K. Kaupiko, E. H. Kama, G. K. Kawahe and Moses Maheloa, all Republican; John Leal, J. M. Keopu and S. W. A. Kaleiholi Democrat.

**West Hawaii**

H. L. Holstein, H. L. Kuweehi, D. K. Kaupiko, E. H. Kama, G. K. Kawahe and Moses Maheloa, all Republican; John Leal, J. M. Keopu and S. W. A. Kaleiholi Democrat.

**Island of Oahu**

Achi, W. C. (R) Cooke, G. P. (R) Lyons, T. B. (D) Raymond, J. H. (D)

**Island of Maui**

Baldwin, H. A. (R) Hinds, Robert (R) Lewin, J. D. (R)

**Island of Maui**

Baker, J. A. (D) Corres, S. P. (B) Crabbie, H. N. (D) Hanapi, E. K. (D) Lauken, C. P. (D) Kaloa, J. H. S. (R) Lukalani, E. K. (D)

**Island of Oahu**

Elliott, W. P. (R) Lucon, Jack (R) Pacheco, M. C. (D) Shingle, R. W. (R) Wirtz, A. J. (D)

**Island of Kauai**

Chandler, J. S. (N.P.) Kau, I. S. (R)

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

East Hawaii

Eduardo, J. P., Hale, N. K., Lyman, H. S., Rickard and B. H. Kekelio, all Republican; John Leal, J. M., Keopu and S. W. A. Kaleiholi Democrat.

**Island of Maui**

G. P. Wilder, T. H. Petrie, George Makelena, C. H. Cooke, C. N. Marquez, A. St. C. Piannia, J. K. Kanakou, James K. Jarrett, Andrew I. Bright, all Republican; R. K. Kaiwi, J. Bright, Jesse Uluhi, W. P. St. Clair, E. H. F. Wolter, C. L. Almeida, J. W. K. Keki, all Democrat.

**FIFTH DISTRICT**

A. W. Farnes, John Bell, E. K. Ferndales, E. J. Crawford, Charles Kuhne, W. H. Crawford, F. J. H. Schnack, M. C. Amara, M. K. Mak-

## JAPANESE LABORER ARRESTED IN MAUI AS MURDER SUSPECT

**Authorities Believe They Have  
Clue To Man Who Killed  
George O. Cooper**

## INFORMATION LEADS TO QUICK APPREHENSION

**Oriental Had Worked On Plantation  
and Had Made Threats,  
It Is Said**

A Japanese laborer, now under arrest in Maui, is suspected of the murder of George O. Cooper, according to information brought to this city yesterday by B. P. Vickers, salesman for Theo. H. Davies & Co., who learned of the arrest of the Japanese just before sailing from Hilo Aug. 27.

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## WATER FRONT NEWS

### Marine Intelligence By Merchants' Exchange

Sydney Arrived, Sept. 5, str. Sierra, hence Aug. 21.